

REMARKS

The present amendment is prepared in accordance with the new revised requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A complete listing of all the claims in the application is shown above showing the status of each claim and the amendments to the specification. For current amendments, inserted material is underlined and deleted material has a line therethrough.

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner has approved the correction to the drawings submitted by the applicant on October 21, 2005.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 103

Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,813,708 to Shen (Shen '708) in view of U. S. Patent No. 305,426 to Clark, in view of U. S. Patent No. 3,471,190 to Wansbrough et al. (Wansbrough), in view of U. S. Patent No. 4,460,204 to Olsen, in view of U. S. Patent No. 4,728,133 to Valley and further in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,619,710 to Hwang.

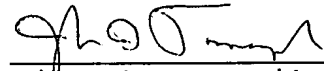
Applicant has canceled claims 21-22 and this rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-11, and 14-20 have been indicated to be allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 4-11 and 14-20 are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner not find the claims to be allowable, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to clarify any issue and/or to place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,




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